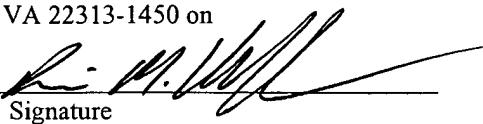


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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of April 10, 2003.

X Applicants request an extension of time for three months from July 10, 2003 to October 10, 2003. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$475 fee.

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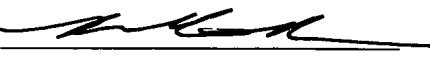
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